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SUBJECT: ILO CANDIDACY: COORDINATOR, WOMEN'S PROGRAM

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1. MISSION REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO ILO THE CANDIDACY OF MS. CARMEN ROSA MAYMI, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, FOR POSITION OF COORDINATOR - WOMEN, YOUNG WORKERS AND OLDER WORKERS PROGRAMS WHICH BECOMES VACANT APRIL 30 ON RETIREMENT OF ELIZABETH JOHNSTONE. BRIEF RESUME FOLLOWS:

2. MS. MAYMI IS THE HIGHEST RANKING HISPANIC WOMAN IN THE US GOVERNMENT. SHE EARNED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SPANISH AND MASTERS DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM DE PAUL UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO AND DID GRADUATE WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

3. APPOINTED TO HER PRESENT POSITION BY THE PRESIDENT IN
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1973, MS. MAYMI IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FORMULATING POLICIES TO

PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF WAGE-EARNING WOMEN AND TO IMPROVE THEIR ECONOMIC, LEGAL, AND SOCIAL STATUS, AND TO COORDINATE THE INTERESTS OF THE WOMEN'S BUREAU WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, AS WELL AS WITH OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

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4. MS. MAYMI HAS TRAVELLED TO NUMEROUS COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, TO PROMOTE AND ADVISE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF WOMEN'S BUREAUS AND COMMISSIONS ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN ABROAD, TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN. SHE BRIEFS FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CIVIC LEADERS ON THE FUNCTIONS OF THE WOMEN'S BUREAU AND THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE US. OTHER INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE PROVIDING REPORTS, POSITION PAPERS, AND MATERIALS ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO THE UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, THE ILO, AND OTHER SPECIALIZED BODIES OF THE UN.

5. ON A NATIONAL LEVEL, THE DIRECTOR DESIGNS PROGRAMS TO ADVANCE THE LEGAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL STATUS OF WOMEN; DIRECTS RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS ON WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT AS WELL AS ON ECONOMIC PRACTICES AFFECTING WOMEN; AND DIRECTS OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO SPECIAL TARGET GROUPS, SUCH AS WOMEN OFFENDERS, TRADE UNION WOMEN, YOUTH, MINORITY AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS.

6. MS. MAYMI BEGAN CAREER IN 1959 AS AN EMPLOYMENT COUNSELOR WITH THE MIGRATION DIVISION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FOLLOWED BY A POSITION AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AN URBAN PROGRESS CENTER OF THE CHICAGO COMMITTEE ON URBAN OPPORTUNITY, AND LATER AS URBAN PROGRAM UNIT DIRECTOR. SHE ENTERED FEDERAL SERVICE IN 1966 WITH THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. SHE LEFT FEDERAL SERVICE FOR A PERIOD TO BE PROJECT DIRECTOR OF TWO FEDERAL CONTRACTS DEALING WITH MODEL HOUSING AND SERVICE TO INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND MIGRANT PROGRAMS. SHE RETURNED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DO A STUDY ON "ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SPANISH SPEAKING IN THE 1970'S". SHE JOINED THE WOMEN'S BUREAU IN MAY 1972

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AS A CONSULTANT AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY NAMED ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. SHE WAS THEN APPOINTED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR IN JUNE 1973.

7. BORN IN SANTURCE, PUERTO RICO, ON MARCH 17, 1938, MS. MAYMI IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH AND HAS SOME KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH. KISSINGER

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